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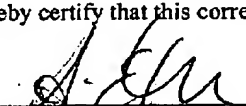
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This a response to an office action dated December 8, 2006, with a shortened statutory period for reply set to three months. This response is filed within four months of the mailing date of the office action and Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time. A credit card charge form for \$120 to cover the one-month extension fee is enclosed.

Claim Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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